

against slavery. I am well known at home and abroad, as not endorsing all their views, deeming some of them ill-advised and unwarrantable; yet the mass of them are honest, patriotic, and intelligent, and they know well whereof they speak. I can assure the honorable gentlemen from Virginia (Mr. Boyl) that there are Quaker women, whose names are on the memorial which he so gallantly moved to lay upon the table, who would put him to his test in a constitutional argument on Slavery in the District and Territories.

Mr. Chairman, I will dismiss this part of the subject by briefly explaining to you, and through you, to the country, why the North is willing and the South unwilling to abide by the original compact. The North, conscious of the integrity of its cause, and the defensibility of its claims, relies upon truth, and argument, and fact, to sustain it; while, on the other hand, the South—whose cause is not deemed unbecomingly the South, as it is insincerely conscious of its vulnerable points, refuses investigation, silences discussion, and attempts with impunity upon the right of petition. I beg to be understood when I speak of the South. I do not mean all the South. There are some noble spirits there—men who view this matter in a calm light. There are such on this floor; and I take pleasure in adding, that my personal acquaintance with some of them has modified my feelings and opinions of slaveholders.

But I mean by the South that larger self-styled "Democratic" portion of them, who spin abstract notions of moonlight balmy cotton bolls—who think the world was made for Caesar, and not all mankind—who think that the Constitution shows short at Mason and Dixon's line. Towards that portion, even the cool North, conscious, as I have described it, to be requires no rhetorical measures. No, sir, and previous questions of "mobs and bloodshed." And I can assure my friend from South Carolina (Mr. Sims) and any others who may desire to present anti-traitor memorials, that they will not find me, nor any other Northern Representative moving to lay them upon the table unconsidered.

No, sir. We say to them, frankly, send us your petitions, gentlemen—bring up your moralities; and allow, they ask such legislation as, if granted, would subvert Northern interests to the heart, they shall be received, respectfully received, considered and acted upon. And if we cannot by cool Yankee reasoning, convince you of your wrong, and overturn your positions, we will grant our requests. Nay, more, if you desire it, come and establish your anti-traitor press at Lowell and Meriden—convince our "free factory girls," who are getting their two, three and four dollars per week, that they are oppressed, that they are worse off than your slaves—prevail on them to run away to Alabama or Texas, and sell themselves; or, if you please, come and locate your slave press in Boston, in Providence, in New York—build up and defend the beauties of your slave system—desire free labor—prevail on the working men to run away South and become slaves.

Do all this, gentlemen, and, with it, we guarantee to you the broad shield of the Constitution. No Lynch law shall incarcerate your champions; no police committee of 60 ruffians shall tear down your press, and send it to a Slave State; no ruffians shall shoot down your editors at night, (as ours have been) and the murderers go unpunished of justice. And if your citizens be illegally imprisoned in Boston, without bail, or counsel, or friends, the agents of your Government, sent to look after them, shall not be expelled by a mob; your writ shall be allowed, and your case tested by law. We will meet you on all this, with far other weapons; will oppose argument to argument, press against press, editors against editors. We will put on our Horace Greeyes, our Redwood Fishers, and our Charles Hudsons, and by facts and figures and demonstration, we will give your champions such a "death hug," that a cold grapple would never be count'd. And why should the North meet this issue? Because, sir, truth loves discussion—a good cause brightens by argument; while error hates both, and a bad cause is made worse by investigation.

Am I not warranted, then, in assigning these as the true reasons why one section of this Union has strengthened and perpetuated its local power at the expense of another? Is not this the reason why Texas to-day stands recorded a member of this confederacy? I assure gentlemen that this impious scheme has engendered a feeling of bitterness in the North which will not soon eradicate.

But, sir, whatever other properties may have been ascribed to me, I believe that I have never called a coward in entering my own sentiments. And standing here in my place, and with the responsibility which attaches to the station, I pronounce this whole Texas scheme a piece of political poison from beginning to end. I wash my hands of all participation in the evil, and, against the whole of it, I here, on my own, and in the belief of my wronged constituency, enter my solemn protest.

The war between the Old Hankers and the Bruisers, transferred from the battle field of New Scotland to the columns of the Argus and Atlas, and waged with pen and type, instead of "green hickories" and "steeltoes," rages with unabated fury. We make it a point to believe that both parties say of each other, "Can any thing be more impartial?" Troy Whig.

California. The tide of emigration appears to be setting in stronger and stronger towards California the valley of the Sacramento. Oregon, for the season at least, seems to have lost much of its attraction. The enthusiasm seems to pervade all classes and to have reached remote sections of the country. A party from Pennsylvania, excellently well equipped, passed through our city yesterday for Independence. We hear of small companies having started from various parts of Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky.

A party of English gentlemen are now in California preparing for a trip to the mountains and through the canyons on the Pacific. The emigration promises to be a very large one, and the cry is still they come.

Since writing the above, a party of young gentlemen arrived from Kentucky, bound to California. We are rejoiced to see that kind of sterling youth in this country, for the future in a land destined to fill so insignificant portion of the world's history.—[St. Louis Reveille, of 24th.

Mr. Chipman, the Locofoco member of Congress from Michigan, who goes so strongly "right education," has got into trouble in a quarrel he has experienced. The St. Joseph (Mich.) Advertiser has the following in its report of proceedings in the Circuit Court:

In the case of Frances W. Chipman vs. John S. Chipman, on application to vacate decree of divorce granted at the last term of court. Motion granted and decree of divorce vacated and annulled.

Unfortunately, says the Detroit Daily Advertiser, Mr. Chipman married again within a few days after his divorce, which is now annulled.

SANTA ANNA.—The Washington Union says: "A member of Congress has addressed a note, stating that he was satisfied that Santa Anna is, before this time, in Vera Cruz and either victorious, or that he has suffered the penalty of his boldness; and also that the Mexican army will never reach the Rio Grande, and if they do, will not fight our army."

## FOREIGN NEWS.

### ARRIVAL OF THE PACKET-SHIP NORTHUMBERLAND.

By the arrival of the packet ship Northumberland, Capt. Green, from London, we have London advices to the 7th.

The pilot boat Rotherham had arrived. The cotton market remains quiet.

The latest dates from the United States were to the 10th February, via Havre. The passage of the "Notice" in our House of Representatives and the commencement of the Oregon debate in the Senate created much excitement and not a little anxiety in England. The French papers were discussing the subject with their usual earnestness. Opinions, however, were as various as they are on this side of the water—some thinking that hostilities would ensue, and others being confident of a peaceable adjustment of all difficulties.

The British Ministry had been defeated in Parliament on a question of no great importance, relating to the removal of an Assistant Poor Law Commissioner. The majority against them was 23.

The Irish Coercion Bill had been passed in the House of Lords in Committee of the Whole. It is to be in force three years from October next. When the clause was read, striking it in order, punishable with imprisonment for fifteen years, for any person in a proclaimed district to be found out of his abode between one hour after sunset and sunrise, Lord Grey moved an amendment one year's imprisonment with or without hard labor, which was lost on a division.

The Custom of Corn Importation into America, but no decisive action had been taken.

The India Mail had arrived in London.

The Government of the Sikhs was making every effort to renew the war. Several attempts had been made in different places to cross the river.

The Morning Chronicle of the 6th says, the intelligence from the seat of war in the East is far from satisfactory. The result of the battles fought on the 15th, the 21st and 22d of December is of a purely negative character. The Sikhs were effectually prevented, by the bravery of the British troops, from advancing upon the territories of the protected States, or from opening a campaign in British India. They were repulsed with loss; but they were by no means routed. The Sikhs were driven back across the Sutlej, until they thought fit deliberately to withdraw six or seven days after the battle. They retained the command of one fortified bridge, and on the 15th of January a party of the enemy, which had been operating eighty miles further up the river, crossed it again, and took up another intrenched position near Ludhiana.

Some of the native troops are said to have thrown down their arms, and to have fled, leaving the Europeans to bear the brunt of the battle.

The British Army advancing against the Sikhs amounts to no less than 43,000 men, with a large train of artillery.

Of the 42,450 men who were probably sent to the Sutlej in this campaign, there are at present only 13,500 men of the European cavalry, and 6,750 of the European infantry.

Sir Henry Smith's column advanced to attack them in this position, but considerable uncertainty prevails as to the result of this engagement. The fact, however, is of importance, because it shows that the Sikhs have not even abandoned the offensive system of operations, and that they are still able and resolved to carry on war with great courage and vigor.

## THE CONTINENT.

The Polish insurrection occupies a large space in the continental journals. The accounts are still vague, and to some extent contradictory; but it appears to be authenticated that the rising is extensive and formidable. One of the papers says:

It is not true that the Austrian and Prussian troops have succeeded in suppressing the insurrection. On the contrary, by the latest accounts, the Austrians have been driven out of the Carpathians with considerable loss, and the Prussian troops were waiting on the frontier for reinforcements, not considering it safe to attack the formidable force which the insurgents had at their disposal in Carpathians. The Russians appear to have been taken quite by surprise, and by the latest accounts had not even been able to collect more troops on the frontier to meet the issue of revolt than five hundred infantry and about one hundred Cossacks.

The insurrection appears to have been well organized. It broke out at the same time, and on a fixed day, in the duchy of Posen, in Austrian Galicia, in Carpathians, and in the adjoining Russian provinces. Posen, however, has been the headquarters of the insurrection. The Polish refugees in France and England appear not to have taken direct part in the insurrection; and, with the exception of one or two who have been taken prisoners, none were discovered in the country. The insurrection, though checked to some extent, has not by any means been put down. The whole of these provinces are in a state of the greatest ferment.

## FROM MEXICO.

The U. S. Brig Somers, which arrived at Puerto Vallarta on the 22nd, brings us the following letter from our vigilant Mexican Correspondent, being four days later than those received yesterday via New Orleans. The news is most important.—"The Mexican Government has finally decided not to receive Mr. Slidell in a Diplomatic capacity, and he is on the point of embarking for this country."

Slidell, later from Mexico—Mr. Slidell rejected an Ambassador and coming home—Reduction expected—Santa Anna to be recalled, &c. &c.

Correspondent of the Tribune.

VERA CRUZ, March 13, 1846.

Messrs GREENEY & McCLINTOCK.

The Brig Somers will doubtless sail to-day, as soon as the mail arrives from the Capital, as it will probably contain important dispatches from Mr. Slidell, which he is desirous shall precede him to Washington. He has at last received the satisfaction of a definite answer from the Mexican Government, the Council of State having, by a formal vote, decided that a Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States cannot be received under existing circumstances. He intends to come down on Monday next, when I presume Commodore Conner will dispatch the St. Mary's of John Adams to carry him to New Orleans.

New Leon and two other Provinces are declared ready to revolt upon the first favorable moment, not only with the object to change the general Government, but to establish their independence as separate Republics. This City is now suspected of being the centre of Federal operations, and Santa Anna casts an eye of evident anxiety upon

us. Amongst other signs, is the removal, this morning, of part of the Mexican fleet—the Steamer Guadalupe, two Brigs and one Schooner to the southward to find protection, it is presumed, up the waters of one of the small rivers below us. Troops are also coming in.

A new cry is going forth, declaring Santa Anna to be the only man living who can succeed at the head of the Democratic party to crush the Royalists. This may bring him again into power.

The Mexican Troops.—From Texas intelligence to the 1st, has reached New Orleans. A letter from Matamoros, dated March 13, and published in the Corpus Christi Gazette, states that Gen. Mejia was then at that place, and that as soon as he heard of the advance of the U. S. troops, he mustered all his Mexican soldiers, crossed the Rio Grande and marched as far as the Colorado Creek, hoping to meet the U. S. forces, in which, however, he was disappointed, as they had retreated. All the forces of Gen. Arista at Monterey, numbering 1800, had arrived at Matamoros. Gen. Canales, with a regiment of two detachments of U. S. troops, he mustered all his Mexican soldiers, crossed the Rio Grande and marched as far as the Colorado Creek, hoping to meet the U. S. forces, in which, however, he was disappointed, as they had retreated. All the forces of Gen. Arista at Monterey, numbering 1800, had arrived at Matamoros. Gen. Canales, with a regiment of two detachments of U. 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